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Group Art Unit: 2136

Docket No.: SONYJP 3.0-187

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:	:
Takehiko Nakano	:
Application No.: 09/900,584	: Group Art Unit: 2136
Filed: July 6, 2001	: Examiner: F. B. Alomari
For: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS	:
AND METHOD	:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2005 finally rejecting claims 1-6 and 8-13, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:



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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

**After Final Rejection**

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Invention: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD

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